(d) Prasar Bharati have intimated that it is the constant endeavour of Doordarshan to bring about qualitative improvement in its programmes to sustain viewers' interest and to make them attractive so as to enable them to successfully compete with the programmes telecast on private channels. Changes have been made in the Fixed Point C art to include a wide variety of programming. Presentation and transmission of programmes has also been done in sleek and professional manner with a view to attract better viewership. For improving the quality of signals for better reception by viewers, digitalized transmission has been started in satellite mode.

LPT and HPT Centres in Orissa

1912. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the places in Orissa where LPT and HPT centres have been set up in financial years 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 and till December 2000;

(b) whether some of these Doordarshan Kendras are located in the coastal districts which have been badly damaged by the super cyclone in October, 1999;

(c) if so, the extent of damage caused to each such T. V. centre;

(d) the steps taken to repair these LPT, HPT centres; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Following transmitters were commissioned in Orissa during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000:

(i) HPT at Baleshwar,

(ii) LPTs at Birmitrapur, Gondiya, Karanjia, Khariar, Mohana, Padua, Patnagarh, Rajgangpur, Similiguda:

(iii) VLPTs at Aul, Barpalli, Chitrakonda, Kalmpur, Kossara, Nagchi, Similipalgarh and Subdega.

(b) Of the above, HPT, Baleshwar and VLPT, Aul are located in coastal districts which were affected by the super cyclone.

(c) to (e) No. damage was caused to HPT, Baleshwar. At VLPT, Aul, based of Paraboli Dish Antenna and structure of solar panel were damaged, costing

about Rs. 20,000. The affected transmitter has since been repaired and services restored.

Checking of Film Piracy

1913. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the film industry is facing a major threat from piracy; and

(b) if so, the action taken to check film piracy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) The film industry has from time to time been representing against the losses suffered due to video/cable piracy. The responsibility for enforcing the Copyright Act 1957 rests with the police authorities under the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. The Copyright Act has been amended to bring it in consonance with the development in the modern technology and making the penal provisions more stringent. During the last few years the Central Government has taken various steps to improve the enforcement of the Act. These measures include setting up of a Copyright Advisory Council for reviewing the progress of the enforcement of the Act periodically and to advise the Govt. regarding measures for improving the enforcement of the Act, arranging training/seminars for the police officers and impressing upon the State Govt. to creat special cells to deal with copyright offences; to designate nodal points with the which professional or industry associations could liaise. Most of the State Government have set up special cells.

The Copyright (Amendment) Act, 1994 inter alia provides for, setting up of a separate Society for Copyright Regulation of Indian Producers of films and Television (SCRIPT). This society has set up special wings to fight piracy and work in close interaction with the police.

Plight of dependents affected by Terrorist Activities

1914. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether her Ministry has assessed the plight of widows and children whose husband and parents are killed in terrorist activities in different States;